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(AN) FOR OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE

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1. FRANCE PRODUCES, BUT DOES NOT EXPORT AN. THERE
ARE TWO KNOWN PRODUCTION FACILITIES:

A. PRODUITS CHIMIQUES UGINE KUHLMAN:
LOCATED AT YVORS (RHONE); EMPLOYS APPROXIMATELY 185 WORKERS AND PRODUCES APPROXIMATELY 45,000 TONS PER YEAR; IN OPERATION SINCE 1966.

B. NORCOLOR: LOCATED AT SAINT AVOID (MOSELLE); EMPLOYS APPROXIMATELY 370 WORKERS AND PRODUCES APPROXIMATELY 90,000 TONS.

2. FRANCE IMPORTS AN. THE MOST RECENT FIGURES AVAILABLE (1976) SHOW THAT 43,715 TONS WERE IMPORTED, 556 OF WHICH WERE FROM THE US.

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3. THE NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS AND DISEASES (INRS - 30, RUE OLIVIER-NOYER; 75680 PARIS CEDEX 14) ISSUES BULLETINS TO EMPLOYERS, ETC., ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES. NUMBER 105 IN THE SERIES (REVISED IN 1975) IS A COMPENDIUM ON THE PHYSICAL NATURE, KNOWN RISKS,

REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE HANDLING OF AN. IN THE DISCUSSION ON THE
PATHOLOGY AND TOXOLOGY OF AN, IT APPARENTLY NOTES
THAT THE PRECISE EFFECT OF THE CHEMICAL IS STILL
UNDER REVIEW; AND THAT UP UNTIL NOW, IT DOES NOT
APPEAR THAT IT HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF ANY PERMANENT
POISONING. THE LAWS REGULATING AN'S USE ARE THOSE
GOVERNING THE USE OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES; AND PROHIBIT-
ING PERSONS UNDER 16 FROM WORKING WITH SUCH
SUBSTANCES. A COPY OF THIS BULLETIN IS BEING
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